



WEDNESDAY EVENING SEPT. 1, 1909.

WE LIVE in an age when wonder follows wonder, and when nothing seems impossible of accomplishment. According to dispatches received from Copenhagen and London, Dr. Frederick Albert Cook has actually reached the North Pole, an enterprise that has heretofore been the cause of the loss of many lives and untold suffering to numbers of others who have been compelled to return to their respective countries disappointed in their unsuccessful attempt to force their way through the frozen north and to reach the goal of their ambition. Dr. Cook was the surgeon of the Peary arctic expedition in 1891, and he never gave up the hope that he was destined to accomplish what so many others had failed to attain. The details of his discovery will be awaited with interest by the entire civilized world, as there have been untold speculations concerning conditions at the North Pole. Some have believed a continent inhabited by a strange race would be found in that hitherto undiscovered country. Others have been equally confident that the Garden of Eden was situated there.

A BELIEF in a communication with the spirits of the departed dead which he calls "immortalism," has been announced by Bishop Samuel Fallows of the Reformed Episcopal Church of Chicago who declares such a belief is not only taught in the Bible but has been proven by psychic research. Bishop Fallows denounced the term spiritualism as repugnant because of the odium attached to it but declared he would call it "immortalism." The bishop says: "The church ought boldly and continuously to reaffirm the old Bible truth of the influence of the spirit world upon this earth on which we live." There is, in fact, nothing new under the sun. The ancient Greeks were firm believers in demonology. Spiritualism in recent years was the synonym of that word and now Bishop Fallows seems to have coined another.

The proposition has been made to the Cuban government by an Argentine firm to raise the wreck of the battleship Maine that has been lying sunk in Havana harbor for eleven years. Just what the attitude of the American government may be toward a proposition to raise it is not known. It has been done with the department of the government could abandon the government to the vessel. Presumably, therefore, whatever may be done in the matter will require the final consent of the American government. The only known reason why the Maine has not been raised is the fear that her raising would show that the ship was blown up from the inside.

THE Daily Mirror, of London, gives publicity to a doctor's theory of the beneficence of swearing. There is a sound physiological reason for the habit, says the doctor, and men ought, in deference to their own health, to use this safety valve. The doctor says: "When a man is annoyed he starts producing superfluous mental and physical energy. He may get rid of it by running, kicking, smashing things or swearing. If he is not relieved somehow, blood poisoning follows, and he suffers ill effects for a day or two. Resolute suppression of the temper, moreover, puts a distinct strain on the brain."

Now we know the reason (which has always been a puzzle to us) why a certain few Alexandrians have never suffered from blood poisoning.

On September 24 the prohibitionists of the country will celebrate in Chicago the fortieth anniversary of the founding of their party. The speakers will include five surviving presidential candidates of the cold water party. They are John P. St. John, 1884; Joshua Levering, 1896; John G. Woolley, 1900; Silas O. Swallow, 1904, and Eugene W. Chaffin, 1908. How many could have recalled the names of these five? Such is fame.

THE London Spectator has pretty well sized up fashionable American women when it says unless an American woman of means has the good fortune to lose all her money, and is therefore obliged to busy herself with the physical details of life, she appears to have no function in life except the dismal one of providing herself with perpetual amusement.

"TAFT will force Congress to establish postal savings banks," is the latest from Beverly. Which calls from the

Philadelphia North American the reply that he may after he succeeds in driving Cannon from the speaker's chair—not before.

### From Washington.

(Correspondence of the Alexandria Gazette.)  
Washington, Sept. 1.  
President Taft was among the number of government representatives who congratulated Queen Wilhelmina, of Holland, on the occasion of her birthday. He said in his cablegram: "I offer on this anniversary of your birth my cordial congratulations with earnest wishes for your welfare and for the continued peace and prosperity of your country."

The battleship Michigan, the first of the dreadnaughts and the most powerful American warship afloat, has been formally turned over to the government by her builders, and from today takes her place on the list of naval ships. She will be fitted out immediately and will probably be ready for commission in November. She will be commanded by Capt. F. R. Usher. She is not only one of the most heavily armed of modern ships, but one of the speediest.

The State Department received today from the Government of Panama \$15,000 in payment as an indemnity for injuries sustained by American sailors and naval officers in Panama. A part of this money will go to officers of the Columbia who were attacked by the police of Panama several years ago without cause, and thrown into jail. Nine thousand dollars will go to the estate of a sailor named Rand, from the Buffalo, who was killed, and \$1,000 to his companion, also a sailor, who was severely wounded.

The Congo government has removed, provisionally, the assessed and personal tax on all the workmen of the missions of the Congo, according to reports received at the State Department from Consul General Handley, at Boma. The legal representatives of the missions have been requested to send in a list containing the name and village of each of the workmen employed on the missions. On approval of the list by the vice governor-general, the mission workmen will be exempt from taxation. This action has the effect of encouraging the missions where large numbers of native workmen are employed in carrying out educational and manual training work. Heretofore the taxes of these workmen were paid by the missions.

The new Commissioner of Internal Revenue, Royall E. Cabell, appointed by President Taft to succeed James S. Smith, is expected to arrive in the city tomorrow. Cabell is a native of Kentucky, and is now residing in the city of Washington. He is a member of the Senate, and has been a member of the House of Representatives for many years. He is a member of the Senate, and has been a member of the House of Representatives for many years. He is a member of the Senate, and has been a member of the House of Representatives for many years.

Price and Princess Kuni, the former the official delegate of Japan to the Hudson-Fulton celebration, will visit Newport, after seeing President Taft at Beverly, as the guests of Colonel Robert M. Thompson. The Navy Department directed the commandant of the station at Newport to designate an officer to act as an aide to Prince Kuni during his visit there.

### COURT OF APPEALS.

The Court of Appeals began its fall term at Staunton yesterday with a full docket, there being fourteen cases.

Commonwealth vs. Shannon; on appeal from Giles circuit court; Commonwealth vs. Henry, from Frederick circuit court; and Commonwealth vs. a clause of the constitution of the State of Virginia, on appeal from the circuit court of the county of Loudoun.

Cases set for today: Commonwealth vs. Giles; Commonwealth vs. Shannon; Commonwealth vs. Henry; Commonwealth vs. a clause of the constitution of the State of Virginia; Commonwealth vs. Shannon; Commonwealth vs. Henry; Commonwealth vs. a clause of the constitution of the State of Virginia.

### Negro Drops Dead.

Columbus, Ga., Sept. 1.—Striking loudly and struggling to free himself, a big burly negro charged with selling moonshine whisky, dropped dead from fright as he was forced into a cell in the county jail here today. Physicians cannot determine what killed the man other than sheer fright. He was a big healthy man, but when arrested he gave evidence of mortal fear lest he be put in jail. When taken to the prison he alternately struggled and trembled hysterically. Just as he was forced into the cell he collapsed.

### To Abolish Duelling.

Berlin, Sept. 1.—The German soldiers duelling card, his "badge of honor," will be conspicuous by its absence in the future if the efforts of the Kaiser to abolish duelling in the army succeeds. It is stated today that the Kaiser has ordered new regulations regarding officers' conduct of honor, to avoid duels as far as possible. Several recent duels of a particularly obnoxious nature have moved the emperor to this action.

### DESTRUCTION OF FORESTS.

Carelessness in the protection of timber and recklessness in its use because it has been cheap and abundant has brought upon the nation a menace which will take many years of vigorous effort by individual forest owners, by the states and by the national government to overcome and to reach the necessary condition of equilibrium between timber production and consumption, says R. S. Kellogg, assistant forester, in a Forest Service publication just issued.

"We are cutting our forests three times as fast as they are growing," is Mr. Kellogg's comment. "This total yearly drain upon the forests, not counting losses from fires, storms and insects," he says, "is some 20,000,000 cubic feet. The annual growth of our forests does not exceed 12 cubic feet per acre, a total of less than 7,000,000,000 cubic feet. While we might never reach absolute timber exhaustion the unrestricted exploitation of our forests in the past has already had serious effects, and it will have much worse if it is allowed to continue unchecked."

### New York Stock Market.

New York, Sept. 1.—Leading issues showed losses ranging from fractions to one point at the opening while a number of low priced stocks were active, showing a generally strong tone. At the end of the first fifteen minutes a steadier tone developed. At 11:15 a sharp decline came on and the market closed lower. The market was active and strong in the early afternoon on the market was firm and dull.

Fire which swept the business district of Rome Ga. today did \$50,000 damage. Several large office structures were razed. The same trouble was swept by a big blaze several months ago.

### News of the Day.

The famous Maurice Kann collection of paintings has been purchased in Paris by Doreen Brothers. The price paid was \$2,500,000.

Railroad communication was yesterday re-established with Monterey, Mexico, and supplies were started for the homeless in the stricken city.

Three men are in the hospital, one of them shot, as the result of an incipient riot at Newcastle, Pa., early today by the striking tin workers and sympathizers.

With hands and feet bound with wire the body of John McNeary, a butcher, was found yesterday in a trough in a slaughter-house on the outskirts of St. Louis.

Royall E. Cabell, for the past three years postmaster at Richmond, today became commissioner of internal revenue, succeeding John G. Osprey, resigned.

Robert Fremont, a young Englishman was arrested at the Metropolitan Inn, in New York, last night on the charge of having stolen about \$29,000 from the postoffice at Vienna, Austria.

It was discovered yesterday that a watch presented to Mr. Jefferson Davis by admirers in Washington when he returned from the Mexican war was stolen from Davis Memorial Hall, New Orleans, a year ago.

Designated by the bondsmen of Royall E. Cabell, and with the approval of the Postoffice Department at Washington, Edgar Allan, Jr., at 12 o'clock last night assumed the duties as postmaster of Richmond till a postmaster is appointed.

Stephen H. Weeks, famous as the first surgeon to make use of drainage tubes from the arteries of animals, died at Portland, Me., today. He was 74 years old. Dr. Weeks was regarded as one of the most noted surgeons of America.

A possible breach between the British and American legations at Peking is indicated today in the independent demand made by Sir John Jordan upon the foreign board for an investigation of the murder of Hazrah Ali, a British Indian subject, by the natives of the Kan-Su Province and for full indemnity for his murder.

John O. Nicolai, a private detective employed by the Lake Carrier's Association, shot two marine strikers dead on the West shore docks, at Buffalo, N. Y., yesterday evening, and was only saved from lynching by the quick arrival of the police. Nicolai claims that they attacked him and two strike breakers and that he fired in self-defense.

The contract for supplying 3,487,000 postal cards to his department in the next four years was awarded yesterday by Postmaster General Hitchcock to the government printing office at the lowest bid, \$924,717.95. The postmaster general in all probability will change the tint of the card as well as the color of the ink used in printing, in order to make the card more artistic.

A cloudburst in Rawlins, Nev., yesterday evening caused great damage, and it is feared six women and children were drowned. A wall of water twelve feet high swept through the main street, carrying everything before it. It is known that 125 buildings were swept away. Five hundred people were homeless Monday night, and the damage will reach into the thousands.

Ferdinand Pinney Earle, the artist, of Monroe, N. Y., who, two years ago, discovered that the marriage institution admitted of an affinity, has now proceeded in his ideas to the extent that he believes marriage is entirely unnecessary for the association of two soul mates. He is now traveling in Europe with Miss Gertrude Baell Dunn, of Chicago, and together they are putting his theories into practice.

Passengers on the Atlantic Transoceanic steamship Minneapolis only on their arrival at Tilbury, Monday, that the vessel was on fire—mid-Atlantic. The fire started in the hay in the fore part of the steamer, and smoldered for four days before it was quenched. During its progress the Minneapolis sent calls for aid. These reached the steamer Vanderland, which stood by her for twelve hours, when she proceeded, her help not being needed.

The Cunard Steamship Company has decided not to reconstruct the damaged steamship Lucania, which was partly destroyed by fire at Liverpool on August 14. The ship was finally sunk in thirty feet of water to extinguish the blaze. The damage has been found to be so extensive, the cost of reconstruction being estimated at between \$500,000 and \$600,000, that the company has determined to apply the money received from the underwriters toward the construction of a new vessel, which is to be faster than either the Lusitania or the Mauretania.

Rev. Noah Malone, forty years old and a Baptist minister of Sullivan county, Tenn., was held up by three masked men while crossing the Holston mountains, eighteen miles east of Bristol, after closing a revival meeting in Johnson county Monday night, then robbed, beaten, and left for dead. His hands were bound behind him and a sack placed over his head and tied about his neck. His feet were bound, and he was robbed of \$10. By accident he attracted the attention of a passer-by yesterday morning and was released. Four of the ministers ribs were broken, and his skull is believed to be fractured. He may not recover.

President Taft will at Beverly this afternoon confer with Postmaster General Hitchcock as to the selection of census supervisors not yet chosen. Hitchcock arrived in Boston this morning.

The choir gallery is one of the churches at Calceco, Spain, collapsed today as a result of a killing several persons and burning 40 under the ruins. Details of the accident have not been received.

Fire, believed to have been due to spontaneous combustion, early today destroyed the storage house of James F. Mapes and six other buildings at Clayton, N. J.

New York, Sept. 1.—From sources near the city, it is learned that a woman who was a victim of a fire at the city of New York, is now recovering from her injuries.

Two nice COMMUNICATING ROOMS. 1164 King street.

### Virginia News.

Steps are about to be taken to prosecute Virginia physicians guilty of sending through the mails various disease germs improperly packed.

Ground has been bought at Strasburg by members of the Catholic Church and it is expected that a house of worship will be erected at that place in the near future.

John H. Ware, aged 28, and his stepmother, Mrs. Mary J. Ware, widow, aged 54, both of Winchester, went to Hagerstown, Md., yesterday to be married, but failed, as the laws of Maryland prohibit a man marrying his stepmother.

A distinct earthquake shock was felt in Richmond at 12:10 yesterday afternoon. Many of the larger buildings of the city shook. The disturbance was slight. Reports from outside points are to the effect that the quake was distinctly felt in the vicinity of Richmond.

Mrs. Mattie Roy, wife of Dr. W. S. Roy, died at Front Royal yesterday, from pneumonia, aged about fifty-five years. She is survived by her husband and two daughters. Judge Giles Cook, Jr., and H. L. Cook, of that place, and Dr. Wythe Cook, of Washington, are surviving brothers.

Rev. Henry H. Williams, assistant to the Rev. Harry B. Lee, rector of Christ Episcopal Church, Charlottesville, and Miss Frances C. Berkeley, daughter of the late Maj. William Berkeley, of the University of Virginia, were married Saturday at the Mission, in Albemarle county, the Rev. Mr. Mason officiating.

No married woman will in future be employed by the superintendent of transportation of the Seaboard Air Line Railroad, according to an order issued in Norfolk today. Those now employed in the department, no matter how good their records, will have to quit. The reason is purely social, it being the opinion of the superintendent that it is against public policy to employ women who have husbands.

Five-year-old Herbert Sater, son of George Sater, was run over and was fatally injured by an automobile driven by M. M. Phipps, in Newport News, last night. He died at St. Francis Hospital a few minutes later. Phipps, who was driving a machine belonging to his uncle, D. J. Phipps, a contractor, was arrested on the charge of manslaughter, and bailed in \$1,000 for his appearance in the police court today. Phipps says that he was running at a moderate rate of speed, and that the child ran directly in front of the machine, making it impossible for him to stop or to turn off to avoid the accident.

Fire yesterday in the storeroom occupied by Salitzer & Company, men's furnishings, in Charlottesville, consumed a portion of the firm's stock, while the remainder was badly damaged by water and smoke. The storeroom, the property of Mrs. W. D. Wheeler, was badly burned, though the flames were confined to the interior. The stock was valued at between \$8,800 and \$4,000, with insurance of \$3,000. The firm opened business in that city about ten months ago, having come from B. H. Moore & A. I. Salitzer, manager of the firm, was arrested Monday night upon the charge of cruelty to animals. While moving some household goods, it is alleged that he beat his horse unmercifully.

### PRIMARY VOTE IS CANVASSED.

The state democratic committee met in Richmond last night and canvassed and announced the vote in the primary of August 5. The official figures make no change in the result, and show the total vote to be 73,484 in the whole state.

These figures show that the stay-at-home democratic vote is not near as large as has been represented. Based upon unofficial returns, it has been asserted that the total democratic vote cast in the primary was between 50,000 and 60,000, or approximately 80,000 less than the normal democratic vote in the state. The official count cuts these figures in two, and shows that the democratic stay-at-homes, who have been clothed in such big figures, only number 15,000. The vote was as follows:

For governor—William Hodges Mann, of Nottoway, 39,281; Harry S. George Tucker, of Rockbridge, 34,203. Mann's majority, 5,078.

For lieutenant-governor—J. Taylor Elyson, of Richmond, 49,556; J. R. Catton, of Alexandria, 22,168. Elyson's majority, 27,388.

For attorney-general—Samuel Williams, of Wythe, 46,286; Robert Ottlett, of Richmond, 24,512. Williams' majority, 21,774.

For commissioner of agriculture—G. W. Kolner, of Augusta, 35,920; J. Thompson Brown, of Bedford, 34,737. Kolner's majority, 1,183.

Preceding the meeting of the committee, an important conference was held at the residence of Chairman Elyson, on east Franklin street, which was attended by most of the successful democratic nominees for office who were in the city, as well as members of the committee who had arrived in the forenoon. Nothing was given out last night concerning the meeting of party leaders, further than that it was held to map out plans for the coming campaign in an effort to make the assurances of democratic success in November doubly sure.

Only one contest was filed before the committee, and that was for a seat in the House of Delegates. It was referred to a committee composed of C. H. Parrish, of Winchester; A. O. Cromwell, of Norfolk county; Clyde W. Saunders, of Richmond city; R. A. McIntyre, of Fauquier; and E. W. Carpenter, of Rockingham. The committee reported that Ralph Grigsby, of Clarke county, had received the nomination over his competitor by a majority of seven votes.

### Police and Strikers Fight.

Paris, S. P. 1.—One thousand striking masons engaged in a fierce fight with the police and republicans guards today in the streets surrounding the Trovill Hall, where the strikers had held a meeting. The trouble was started when the police tried to take a flag from the strikers. After a short fierce struggle, the strikers were put to flight. Scores were injured on both sides. A number of arrests have been made.

### Athlete Drowned.

Baltimore, Md., Sept. 1.—Robert T. Charlton, one of the best known athletes in this section of the country, was drowned early today by falling from the yacht Marguerite, of the Corinthian Yacht Club, in the Severn river, near Annapolis.

### Today's Telegraphic News

Reported Discovery of the North Pole  
Copenhagen, Sept. 1.—The Inspector of Greenland today reported to the Danish government from Lerwick, in Shetland, that Dr. Frederick A. Cook, the Brooklyn explorer, reached the North Pole on April 21, 1908. The Shetland, of which Lerwick is the county town, is a group of some 100 islands in the North Atlantic Ocean, and constituting a county of Scotland. The message received here reads as follows:

"Dr. Cook, American explorer, reached the North Pole on April 21, 1908. He is now aboard Hans Egede, bound for Copenhagen. Dr. Cook arrived in May, 1908, at Upernivik from Cape York, accompanied by the Eskimoes, members of his party. The Eskimoes confirm the truth of the explorer's statements that he located geographic pole."

In announcing Dr. Cook's triumph the government officials today lay stress upon the fact that the pole discovered is not the magnetic pole, but the geographical North Pole, the unsearched goal of all the other Arctic explorers of the past century.

London, S. P. 1.—Dispatches from Copenhagen today say that Dr. F. A. Cook, the Brooklyn arctic explorer, discovered the North Pole on April 21, 1908. The date Dr. Cook is said to have discovered the Pole was April 21, 1908, since when he has been fighting to return to civilization. Dr. Cook was practically alone on his voyage toward the pole, having had but one white man with him when he started, and the white man was taken ill and returned to the outside world more than a year ago. Dr. Cook was accompanied by only a few Eskimoes, making flying trips with dogs and sleds.

Brooklyn, N. Y., Sept. 1.—Mrs. Robert P. Davidson, of 639 Bushwick Avenue, a friend of the Cook family, today received this cablegram from Mr. Cook:

"Successful, and well. Cable address to Copenhagen."

"FRED."

Abdul Hamid Has Cancer of the Stomach.

Constantinople, Sept. 1.—From an absolutely reliable, yet confidential source, it is learned today that Abdul Hamid, the deposed sultan, is suffering from cancer of the stomach. The physicians who have examined him say his ailment is incurable, and that his tenure on life is but a few more months at most.

Only recently it was announced that the sultan was suffering from a species of insanity. This conclusion was based on his maniacal actions, which doctors now say are due to the intense pain arising from the cancer.

Abdul has written to Mehmed V, his successor, asking that doctors from western Europe be permitted to treat him. He is thoroughly disgusted with the Turkish treatment, and is also afraid he is the victim of a plot that has his speedy death as its chief aim.

The deposed ruler's horror of death is declared to be pitiable. He never sleeps more than an hour at a time, awakening with wild screams. He constantly is demanding protection of his guards. The great house near Salonica in which the former sultan is now confined has become known as "The House of the Crazy Abdul."

### Doesn't Believe Jeffries Will Fight.

San Francisco, Cal., Sept. 1.—Jeffries doesn't intend to fight me, and I'll bet \$1,000 I am right," said Jack Johnson today. "Jeffries will return to this country with bands playing and he'll work the theatrical game over time. He may sign articles and appoint a date for the fight, but mark me, when the time comes there will be an accident or a doctor's certificate showing that he is unable to fight." Johnson said if this forecast should prove wrong, he would apologize to Jeffries. Johnson also said he would not go south of the Mason and Dixon line to fight and would oppose accepting the offer to fight in Oklahoma. He said he wanted to fight near a large city where he could have all the protection the law afforded to show he is a better man than Jeffries.

### Conservated Bishop.

Chicago, Sept. 1.—Rev. Edmund Danne, of Chicago, today was consecrated bishop of the Catholic diocese of Peoria, Ill., where he will succeed Bishop John L. Spalding, who resigned on account of ill-health. Archbishop Falconio, the papal delegate, presided at the ceremony. The consecration took place in Holy Name Catholic Cathedral, and was attended by three archbishops, twelve bishops, and more than six hundred priests, including some of the greatest dignitaries of the church in the United States. The ceremony was surrounded with all the pomp and dignity which always characterized the elevation of a Catholic priest to the episcopacy. Bishop Danne will go to Peoria on September 8th, when the ceremony of installation will take place.

### Prince Attacks Chauffeur.

Vienna, Sept. 1.—A Belgrade dispatch in today's Zvezka says that the French chauffeur of Prince George of Serbia is dying in the hospital at Belgrade of unexplained injuries, which the correspondent implies were inflicted by the prince in a fit of rage. The chauffeur was secretly placed in the hospital and the authorities will give out nothing regarding his injuries. Only a few months ago the prince was accused of beating one of the palace attendants to death. The scandal arising from this affair was chiefly responsible for the prince, who is the king's oldest son, resigning his successorship to the crown in favor of his younger brother.

### Exonerated from Blame.

Middleton, Conn., Sept. 1.—James Nolan, a farmer living near here, was today exonerated from all blame in connection with the killing of an Italian named Farnest, whom he accidentally shot last night in his orchard. Nolan has been troubled lately with fruit poachers, and last evening when he saw two men in his orchard he thought he would scare them away by firing his revolver. The report was followed by a cry of anguish, and Nolan was horrified to see a man forty feet away throw up his hands and fall to the ground with a bullet through the head. An ambulance was called but the victim died before reaching the hospital.

### DIED.

At the residence of Charles A. Speis, 730 north Fairfax street, Wednesday morning, Sept. 1, WILLIAM R. DOVE, aged 70 years, was called by a stroke of apoplexy (Thursday) afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. Friends of the family are invited to attend.

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